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MRS. MCCAULEY TO JUDGE STATE CONTEST

Mrs. McCauley, musical director of S. F. S. T. C., has been invited by the Atwater Kent Radio Foundation to serve as one of four state judges of the Atwater Kent National Radio Audition, through her selection by Alfred Metzger of the Musical Review Magazine. Mrs. McCauley, the only school musical director on the State Committee of Judges of California, will represent the schools of California.

The Atwater Kent National Radio Audition, supported by the Atwater Kent Foundation, is undertaking to search the entire country for beautiful voices, and to offer these singers an opportunity for development. The contest provides a means of discovering, encouraging and developing unknown young women and young men singers of exceptional talent and of letting the world hear them by radio.

The plan provides an opportunity for every community, by a process of elimination, to enter its best singers in a State Radio Audition. The state winners will compete at a District Radio Audition, of which there will be five in the United States; and district winners will go to New York for the final National Radio Audition. This final hearing in New York will bring together five men and five women who will have been adjudged the most pleasing singers. To them the judges of the final audition will award the national prizes.

In the finals, the National Broadcast, five prizes will be awarded to women, and five to men. The two winners of first place in the nationals, a man and a woman, will receive a gold decoration, \$5,000 in cash and two years' tuition in a leading conservatory. Winners of third prizes will receive \$1,000 and one year's tuition; fourth prize winners will each receive \$500; winners of fifth prizes will each receive \$250. The state winners will receive silver medals, and the district winners, gold medals.

A survey committee will, through teachers of music, educators, and leaders of choirs, etc., compile a list of young singers of merit. The list finally will be reduced to ten young men and ten young women, who will sing in the local audition of the communities, which will be held not later than September 25, 1927. The winners of the local contest will be placed automatically in the district audition, and so on.

Mr. Atwater Kent has said, "The discovery of one of those rare voices, of which each generation produces a very few, seems to me to be an event of profound national importance."

In this great audition a means is provided for discovering these voices and giving them a hearing before the nation.

Somewhere in the United States there are a few glorious voices—unknown. Nature created them to give pleasure to all of us. Science has perfected a marvelous instrument for millions to hear them—Radio.

NOTICE

The members of the executive board of the spring term, 1927, wishes to express their most sincere appreciation and gratitude to the faculty and members of the student body who so willingly assisted us so many times. (Signed): Helen Garvin, Pres. Iva Feldmeyer, Vice Pres. Orpha Corrigan, Treas. Agnes Boyle, Secretary. Gladys Banner, Yell Leader.

SUMMER SCHOOL GREAT SUCCESS

That this year's Summer School was the finest in the history of the college is the opinion of the attending students and faculty members.

Nine hundred and fifty-five students attended, some being present "collegettes" of S. F. T. C.; some alumnae of the College, and some experienced teachers from far-away cities.

To Mrs. Dwight Elvy, formerly Miss Willela Porter, Grand Chairman, acting in the capacity of Student Body President, goes the bulk of the credit for the success of the activities during the busy six weeks. Mrs. Elvy, with her organizing ability and the aid of her committee chairmen, assumed complete responsibility of the entire program for the session. Her assistants, the committee chairmen, were: Dorothy McGuffin, Registration Committee; Margaret Carney, Information Committee; Muriel Brown, Hostess Committee; Jeanne Turner, Library Committee; Marian Byrne, Traffic Committee, and Laura Petersen, Publicity Committee. These chairmen carried on their work with cooperation, diligence, faithfulness, and foresight, and a more efficient group could not have been selected, according to Mrs. Elvy.

Miss Byrne, who was head of the Traffic Committee, introduced a new plan of drafting all the male students into her service as assistant traffic "cops".

Miss Porter's management of the assemblies was splendid, for there was "pep" in every one, each having one or more features. Several prominent educators spoke before large assemblages, one of the most noted being Mr. William J. Cooper, State Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Cooper was well-received by both the student-teachers and the teachers of experience.

Another noted educator who favored the group was Mr. Archibald Cloud, Superintendent of San Francisco Schools. His subject was "The Program of the N. E. A. Convention". This convention met in Seattle last July.

Miss Casebolt, at one assembly, favored with "Minuet", a costume play of the French Revolution Period.

Many new courses in education, music and English, were presented this time, with visiting instructors as leaders.

Another gratifying feature was the fact that the scholarship records were the best that have ever been attained during a summer session of this college, the average grades being higher than in any preceding summer session.

Many girls who were deficient in grade points made up their points.

ENROLLMENT NORMAL THIS YEAR

There are eight hundred and two students enrolled this year in all departments of the college, according to information just made available by Miss Vance.

Of these, nine are upper division students, all working for higher certification. Twenty-seven special students are working for extra credits, but no degree.

The Freshman class, August 27, added 227 names to the college roll. If one is observant one finds a man distinguishing the personnel of this class.

Eleven leaves of absence have been granted, practically all because of illness.

MR. ANDERSON IS DEAD

Four brief days after his faculty met in Guild, without him, to graduate his students from school into life, he graduated from life, a life of kindly service, into that which comes after life.

He was not a complex man. Few have been as simple in interests, in character, in living. Hence, even those who knew him but slightly learned at once to understand him—to love him.

For he was one of nature's gentlemen, one of those rare beings who live their lives in kindness. No other word so aptly describes him: he was KIND.

He was kind. In this section of California, living within a radius of a hundred miles of his native Santa Rosa, he was widely known by laymen as well as educators; and when the news of his passing became known, it was his gentle kindness that came at once to the minds of those who mourned him, to fellow schoolmen, to former students, to members of rural school boards, to the friends he had made outside the teaching profession.

His career as a teacher started when he first came under the influence of Dr. Frederic Burk, then principal of a high school where Archibald B. Anderson was a student—at Santa Rosa. Soon after graduating from Dr. Burk's tutelage he took a position in a rural school a few miles away.

But college attracted, and in 1898 he was graduated from the University of California. His first position of importance was the one he took as principal of the high school at Winters. He resigned this to go adventuring in the tropics as a district supervisor in the Philippines, but two years later was again back in California.

For three years he administered the high school at Colusa, turning the reins over to Alexander S. Boulware and accepting an invitation from his former teacher at Santa Rosa to join the staff of the State Normal School at San Francisco. Dr. Burk had organized and became this institution's first president.

His service here was broken but once up to the time of his death. That one break came about ten years ago when he spent a few years as superintendent of schools at San Rafael. Upon the death of Dr. Burk he was appointed acting president by, then, State Superintendent Wood. Later he was nominated by Wood as president, but due to an unfortunate political situation the state board did not confirm his appointment until shortly before his death. He had won out, but in the hour of his triumph he left us—one of the most kindly men we have ever known.

NEW PRESIDENT TAKES OFFICE

On the first day of September, Dr. Alexander C. Roberts took office as president of the San Francisco State Teachers' College, succeeding Archibald B. Anderson, who died June the ninth.

Dr. Roberts, who is but the third man to hold the presidency during the 30 years the college has existed, was born in Plainfield, Iowa, where he received his elementary school education.

He attended high school at Mason City, Iowa. His training as an educator was taken at the State Teachers' College at Cedar Rapids, at the University of Wisconsin, where he was granted his Bachelor of Arts Degree, and at the University of Washington, where he took his Master's Degree and his Doctorate.

Dr. Roberts, early heeding the call to the teaching profession, took up his work in the rural schools of Butler County, Iowa. He later became instructor in grade and high schools in Wisconsin and Iowa. He held the position of superintendent of schools in Marathon, Cresco and Fairfield, Iowa, and in Everett, Washington.

Our president has had very extensive experience in teacher training. He organized the Centralia Normal School and served at this institution in the capacity of president for some time. His teacher training work held him in the institutes of Iowa and Washington for a total of thirteen years. Later he supervised normal classes at Everett High School.

Aside from all this, Dr. Roberts has given much time to summer session instruction. He taught three summer quarters in Oregon and Washington.

Before coming to the San Francisco State Teachers' College he was Director of Extension Service at the University of Washington and Dean of the Summer School. Not the least of Dr. Roberts' achievements are his writings. "The High School Principal" and "Philosophy and Practice of the Extra-Curricular Activities" are his chief works. He is now engaged on a two-volume study of the entire secondary field. The bibliography of his magazine articles runs to thirty titles. His doctorate thesis was published by the university. He is also editor of "The Bookshelf".

DR ROBERTS WELCOMED

Dr. Alexander Roberts was tendered a hearty welcome to San Francisco State Teachers' College at the reception held in his honor in the old gym on Tuesday, September sixth, at three o'clock.

The gym was attractively decorated in green and gold, the school colors, and the rest room chairs and settees gave a "hominess" to the room.

Miss Ward, as mistress of ceremonies, presented, in order, faculty members, the members of the Parent-Teacher Association and the students of Teachers' College to Dr. Roberts and Mrs. Roberts.

Punch and cookies were served and the Glee Club gave a delightful program.

Anna Johansen whistled two selections. The Glee Club proper favored the assemblage with our radio favorite, "The Swallow," and Ursula Murphy sang. Evelyn Ester assisted at the piano.

SCIENCE BUILDING NEARING COMPLETION

The new science building is rapidly nearing completion and will probably be opened to classes sometime next month so far as the college authorities can now tell. It is understood that the contractors are to finish with the building by the first of October, but since the structure must be legally accepted by the state, and then be equipped the date for moving in may possibly be postponed until November.

Use of the new structure will relieve the present crowded condition in the college. Dr. Barney's suite, and all offices of the science department will be established in the new building. Lecture rooms for all science classes will be provided. Laboratories for biology, physics, chemistry, nature study, and general utility will be fully equipped.

75 STUDENTS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Upon completion of their courses successfully, the following students received diplomas June third:

Pauline Eleanor Aicham, Graylis Aurelia Allison, Clara Albertina Bergstrom, Dorothy Josephine Billings, Agnes Frances Boyle, Elizabeth Carmiencke, Gladys Lillian Cobb, Mary Elsie Connors, Margaret Alice Falkenstein, Ruth Harbison, Alyce Magna Humphreys, Ida Jean Hurliman, Nonie Rita Kirby, Gertha Belle Lane, Verna Mann, Ethel McNaught, Mabel Frances Powers, Irma Veronica Quinlan, Alice Kathleen Rounsaville, Ethel Adele Scheller, Eunice Elizabeth Snead, Margaret Hutchinson Syme, Bernice Tracy, Elizabeth Elica Vincent, Gladys Ruth Waldon, Janet E. Weeks, Constance F. Wisewell, Eva B. Archer, Frances Bepner, Leafy Paula Borup, Helen Conyer, Vesta Doane, Elsie Julia Faure, Alice Freed, Elsa Nanette Giesecke, Marian Annabel Hopping, Blanche Mae Kirner, Madelyn H. Krause, Margaret Lawrence, Rose Marowitz, Elizabeth Williamson Menne, Madge Dorothy Rear, Marian Elizabeth Reed, Alice Richardson, Anna Charlotte Scott, and Edythe Ruth Stroebel.

At the completion of the Summer Session, the following graduates receive diplomas: Alice Muerl Asher, Margaret Mae Broadbuss, Elizabeth F. Carpenter, Bernadette Marie Deward, Alice F. Doran, Helen Agnew Eddy, Myrna Eileen Caribaldi, Annie Marion Gaspar, Helen Anita Gilardin, Kathryn Winifred Hugin, Olive Louise Kerley, Mary Ethel Jette, Isabel Kilburn, Eva Dorothy Kording, Evelyn Layton, Muriel Eleanor Brown, Bernice Decker, Eleanor Louise Eichorn, Ina Oough Hinman, Zelda Hil-dreth Jaecel, Kathleen Moureen Sherman, Edna May Willis, Pauline Dorothy Weir, Edna Louise Murphy, Mabel Claire Pedrick, Lucille Charlotte B. . . . Ada Achor Tamboury, Myryn Trainor, and Leila Caroline West.

Those receiving their A. B. Degree diplomas were: Frances Lour-ena, Melina Anderson, Beatrice Vivian Colombini, Alice May Hayes, Stella Carter Lawson, Eve E. Mel-ine, Elizabeth J. Newton, Dora Ade Savage, Isabel Argentine Thomson, and Paul E. Walters.

GLEE CLUB PLANS ELABORATE FALL PROGRAM

The S. F. T. C. Glee Club, with Miss Eva Levy as faculty director, is planning an eventful season for the fall term.

The new members, a limited number, will be assured of the good times in store for them by a royal welcome for which plans will be made Tuesday, September 13. On the day then decided upon a caravan of autos will await the new and old members, in which they will be whisked away to view the interesting sights of San Francisco. The tour will end near the Great Highway where a beach supper will be served.

Last Tuesday evening, August 30, the Glee Club's Executive Board with Miss Levy, assembled for a dinner at the popular Russian Tea Room. It seemed to the guests that here was Russia, itself, for the dinner, the room, and decorations were Russian. The famous male Russian Sextette, a main attraction of the Tea Room, entertained the group, singing for them their request, the "Volga Boatman".

This unique place will be the scene of some of the other Glee Club dinners which, it is planned to hold regularly, once a month.

Last year the Glee Club's major undertakings, "The Swallow", the cantata which was broadcast very successfully over KGO, and the operetta, "The Feast of the Little Lanterns," presented at the Commerce High School Auditorium, were so enthusiastically received that the Club has not, as yet, decided to present a cantata, an operetta or both. However, during the next few meetings the regular business will be considered, and the decision will be made. This year's membership, which has been of necessity limited, assures success for big undertakings, according to the officers. The second consideration at the meetings will be the dinner-dance, which will be the next attraction of the "busy glee".

Miss Levy, the Glee Club's sponsor and director, will be advising the Club as usual.

The officers for the ensuing year are: California Pixley, president; Margaret Sheehan, vice-president; and Bernice Guilfoyle, secretary-treasurer. The sponsors of this club are: Miss Eva A. Levy, Dr. Edna L. Barney, and Dr. Stanley Rypins.

PHI LAMBDA CHI HAS NEW HOUSE

Phi Lambda Chi has at last been successful in finding a new home for its members.

The house is situated at 1927 Washington street, near Gough. There are three floors of very spacious, light and sunny rooms, none of which are yet occupied.

With Muriel Brown, past president officiating at the installation, Bernice Young, new president, was presented with the gavel, the secretary's book was turned over to Gussie Higginson, and the check book to Elva La Rue, new treasurer.

Elizabeth Doe is the new vice-president.

With these capable girls at the helm, Phi Lambda Chi looks forward to a successful term.

NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

"The Glorious Adventure," "The Royal Road to Romance," and many other interesting new books have been added to the collection in the children's library. Thirty new volumes of history, travel and adventure appeal greatly to the grammar grade children for whom these were especially purchased.

The children, in using the library, follow a regular schedule. There is a daily period during which pupils of each room, accompanied by their teacher, select their supplementary readers for school use.

NYODA CLUB PLANS BUSY SEMESTER

The Nyoda Club is looking forward to a busy semester of social service. Work is being planned not only for outside people but for our college as well.

Probably some kind of Thanksgiving collection will be taken up for needy ones at the Thanksgiving season. At Christmas, also, holiday boxes will be arranged and distributed.

Last term the Nyoda Club regularly visited the Children's Ward of the University of California Hospital to teach and amuse the small patients, but this work may not be resumed this semester.

There will be a definite program for each meeting of the club, including perhaps one social event each month. New members are cordially invited to join.

The officers for the term are: Rosalie McBride, president; and Margaret Maughn, secretary-treasurer. At present there is a vacancy in the vice-president's chair because of the resignation of Elsie Thompson from this office.

"What is this?" asked Mr. Mundt as he removed a black and white design from its prominent place on the blackboard of the art room which is being used as a temporary science laboratory.

"It's a itger", answered a number of artistic students.

"No! It can't be!" The bewildered professor studied it thoughtfully. "Well", he said, setting the masterpiece on the table. "It might be a nice kitty, but I don't like its face".

INTEREST IN PRACTICAL PUBLIC SPEAKING IS GROWING

Hoping to improve the course gradually as she goes along, Miss Wilson, English instructor, will continue to develop students in the art of public speaking in her course in English 34.

Although she has quite a full program with two English I classes and several sub-collegiate English classes, together with her supervision of a thriving Public Speaking Club and a Story Writing Club in the Training School, this instructor enjoys conducting public speaking classes.

As it was last year, the course will be a service course, molded around the probable speech needs of the teacher in her profession. It will not be a course in formal eloquence and oratory.

For some reason, in the past students thought public speaking a course to be shunned. However, neatly bound testimonials hanging on the walls of Miss Wilson's office, show that many students have enjoyed this class and profited by it.

To cap the course last year, a dinner was given at which each member of the public speaking class was asked to perform.

A toastmistress, Velma Schulze, was chosen by the judges, Miss Wilson, Miss Bock and Miss Klein-ecke.

As a closing event the dinner proved a great success.

As a reward for Miss Wilson's efforts last term, so many students registered for public speaking this term that the class had to be divided into two sections.

Pa: How are you getting along at school, Alec?

Alec: Fine! We're learning words of four cylinders now.

Books for home reading may be obtained during periods provided for that purpose once or twice each week.

There have been a few minor changes made in the scheduled hours for school and home readers, and in order to avoid unnecessary confusion, student teachers are requested to acquaint themselves with these changes.

BOOKANEERS TO ATTACK LIBRARY SHELVES

The Bookaneers are not resting on their laurels of last year but are planning to be more active than ever this semester.

A bulletin board will probably be arranged in a conspicuous place, where all interested can find posted titles of new books and plays as well as names of the theatres where interesting dramas are being played.

Committees of different types will function this term. One of these will be a library or study committee, which will compile, with the assistance of Miss Klein-ecke, a reading list.

This list will include poetry, prose and drama of all varieties which will interest the casual as well as the habitual reader.

Literary men and women of note will be invited to the informal gatherings of this selected group of bookworms.

Faculty members will also be asked to address the girls and may even be persuaded to talk before the Student Body on literary subjects.

This club originated in February, 1926, under the sponsorship of Miss Squire, a member of the faculty at that time. At first the meetings were very informal. Myrtle Dukeman was the first president, while Anne Whitehouse kept a record of the club activities.

Miss Klein-ecke, who is the present sponsor of the club has given much time and effort towards its support.

Every Tuesday, in room eleven, you can see the bookworms, with their sponsor, gathered around a long table, discussing the works of Ibsen, Bret Harte, Kipling, Conrad, Mansfield, Austin and Bronte.

Last term the Bookaneers had many social events.

Many students remember the live, crawling bookworm that took part in the circus in the old gym. A pirate party in Berkeley, a dinner held at Miss Klein-ecke's home, were the grand finale of the semester.

This club will be remembered also for its generous contribution to the annual. The sum was next to the largest donation given, that given by the Glee Club.

Although it is not definitely decreed that the membership of this club will be limited this term, there is this possibility. At present those who belong are: Myrtle Dukeman, Anna Whitehouse, Helen Hostatter, Leiba Dubinsky, Nevis Marshilch, Louise Poch, Willa Leggett, and Wilma Pengally.

TWO FEATURE PLAN IN TRAINING SCHOOL

The Frederic Burk School, connected with our collegiate department, is operated on the two-feature plan. Two distinct divisions are made in the course of study.

One contains the "bread and butter" subjects, such as reading, arithmetic, spelling, geography, history and the like. The other division includes cultural electives that the children follow by choice.

They are intended to broaden the child's viewpoint and open up to him more fields for study.

To take care of cultural subjects we find the Travel Club, Civics Club, Manual Training Story Writers' Club, special science courses, art, music, penmanship, cooking and sewing classes, and journalism, which is given in the high grammar grades. These special classes are taught by student teachers under the direct supervision of the instructors in the college.

One of the biggest differences between our training school and the public schools of this city is, that our students choose their own cultural subjects and follow their individual bent.

"There's another of those pianos without any hair."

"Without hair?"

"Sure. It's a Baldwin".

McFADDEN BOOK ADOPTED IN ISLANDS

The elementary children in the public schools of the Hawaiian Islands are now studying their language from a series of books written by one of our faculty members, Miss McFadden.

The material from which these books were compiled was first worked out in 1904 at this institution by student teachers who with the help of Miss McFadden, planned the grammar lessons. The teachers used the material in their class rooms, then revised it.

To make it of use to a larger number of students, it was put in card catalogue form. Often teachers came back to the school to copy these cards for model lessons. It was to save time and trouble that Dr. Burk conceived the idea of printing them.

In 1905 the first printed bulletin was made of the language lessons for teachers in Sonoma county. The popularity of the series grew until it was published by the state printing office in Sacramento, and distributed at cost by the secretary of this school, Miss Hussey.

By 1915, Rand McNally and Company published the material in the form of text books. Then with a revision in 1926 by Miss McFadden, the English books were written in their present form.

The greater part of the contents of this series was read to Dr. Burk during his last illness. Miss McFadden stated that he was largely responsible in inducing her to start the project and that she owes much to his helpful suggestions.

FACULTY MEMBER HONORED

Mrs. Anna Dorris, instructor in Human Geography and Visual Education at this college, has been elected president of the Visual Instruction Department of the National Education Association.

Mrs. Dorris attended the convention of the association this summer, and was the sole representative of this institution there.

She succeeds Dr. Ernest Crandall in the presidency. Her duties include making the programs of the year's meetings, namely: In March at Boston, and during the summer at Minneapolis.

For the first time in six years, Mrs. Dorris did not teach at summer school. She spent the first three weeks of her vacation on a trip to Alaska, which she had never visited. This trip will still further enrich the Human Geography course, which has previously been made interesting by her other trips. Following this, she stopped in Seattle, at the meeting, and at the close of the convention came home to work on her book.

This book, "Visual Instruction in the Public Schools", is now entirely revised and retyped, and is in the hands of the publishers. It will probably appear in the early winter.

MISS REID A-HUNTING GOES

Emulating the late H. A. Snow, the famous jungle explorer, Miss Reid, nature study instructor, recently exhibited her capturing powers on a poor, unfortunate, little chipmunk.

It was like this: While Miss Reid was trying to administer kindly to the little chipmunk's mate, who was caught "amidships" in his cage, Mr. Chipmunk sprightly hopped out of his prison into the wide-open spaces. From Miss Reid's shoulders he leapt to the floor, here, there, and everywhere. The fair instructor leapt after him here, there, and everywhere. Once she had his tail; then, his ear; then, nothing. Mr. Chipmunk had hidden behind a pole. The hunter was on the other side of the pole. A clinch—and in her grasp was the pole, but not the chipmunk. Then one, two, three,—out hopped he into the great, unwallled spaces and the hunt was over.

MISS MICHELL NEW FACULTY MEMBER

Miss Elene Michell, the only new member added to our teaching staff this year, was formerly an instructor at Smith College, one of the largest colleges for women in the United States. Although an easterner, she considers western sunshine better than eastern snow.

Miss Michell received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia and her Doctor's degree from the School of Education at Harvard.

The instructor has spent a great part of her time traveling through the United States and the Islands of the Pacific. This summer she took an interesting trip through France and Switzerland, during which she not only visited Paris and the other larger cities, but also Brittany and places not visited by the average tourist. Immediately upon her return she took up her duties here.

Miss Michell teaches American History, as well as one of the divisions of the contemporary Civilization Class, previously taught by Dr. Rypins.

LIBRARY USES GLEE CLUB GIFT

One hundred dollars has been given by the Glee Club to Miss Fleming, our librarian, to be used for the library. Because our late president, Mr. Anderson, was so interested in the libraries of our college, the Glee Club decided that this gift would be given as a memorial to him. Miss Fleming was at liberty to purchase anything needed for the library.

The gift money was divided between the main College Library and the Children's Library in the Training School. With part of the money two pictures were bought for the Children's Library. One is "The Little Maiden and the Fairies," by Paul Swan. The other is a realistic sea scene of a sailing boat during a heavy wind.

For the Main Library was purchased a book called, "History of the Feminine Costume of the World," by Paul Louis Gialferri. This book covers the history of costume from 5318 B. C. to our own century. It is enhanced by colored illustrations of costumes from the following countries and peoples: Rome, Gaul, Europe, France, Northern Countries, Great Britain, Latin Countries, Central Europe, America, and Primitive Races. The book is published by the Foreign Publishing Co., of New York. It will not only prove a valuable source of material for some of the courses given in the college, but it will also be very interesting to all students.

CITY TO RAISE STANDARDS

Four years of training above high school has been proposed by Superintendent Joseph Marr Gwin of the San Francisco public schools, as a prerequisite to taking the city examinations for teaching positions.

This proposition was made after the Superintendent's return from the National Educational Association Convention held this summer in Seattle, Wash.

Mr. Nolan, deputy superintendent and personnel director of the San Francisco School Department, says in reference to the proposition: "This plan is not in effect now, and will not, so far as I know, go into effect for a year or so. However, it is a policy which we may look forward to sometime in the near future."

DINNER DANCE PLANNED

It has been rumored that the class of February, '25, is planning to give a dinner dance.

This will, no doubt, take care of some of the class riches that have been piling up.

As yet no definite plan has been adopted, but with the desire to spend money soaring high, some festivity is sure to result.

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EDITORIAL

WELCOME, YE BABES

Freshmen, we're trying hard to welcome you, but you don't seem to want to be welcomed. The Freshman Reception was a big success, except for the fact that there were no Freshmen there. The committee didn't feel a bit hurt, however; they just welcomed juniors and seniors instead.

Nevertheless, we, the Student Body, are bound and determined to welcome you. Since you won't appear in person to receive the joyous greeting, we're shoving it right into your post boxes, with the hope that you will realize our joy in seeing you toddle about the halls of S. F. T. C.

We all thought of you during that first week of "exes", when you no sooner finished rendering America with "la", or drawing a picture of a something-or-other, than you were plunged into an intelligence "ex", or a spelling bee, to stumble out of that into a brawl with a flock of English rules. Verily, life was hard that week.

And then our hearts were with you when you sped around in a daze, trying to find room sixty-eleven, only to discover when you found it, that you didn't want sixty-eleven at all, it was eleven-sixty.

Then when that imposing looking gentleman got hold of you in Social Science, and glared at you, and told you you weren't civilized nor was anybody else civilized, we squirmed with you.

But now the shock of it all is over; you're one of us. We can only say we are all happy to have you with us.

FEBRUARY '26 TO HAVE VARIETY OF SOCIAL EVENTS

Hikes, swimming parties, teas, shows, and several other social affairs will comprise the program for the class of February '26, the coming season, if the tentative outline now in mind is put into effect.

The first regular meeting was held recently in Room 32, with the class' new officers officiating. These are: Cecyl Bruner, President; Gussie Higginson, Vice President; Kay Kenny, Secretary; Madge Baker, Treasurer, and Lucile Savage, Yell Leader.

The dates for the afore-mentioned affairs will be posted after the student body program is announced. In this way no date conflict will result.

The idea of having a variety of social events is to please as many girls as possible.

Readers might be interested in knowing that the "Vig" is at last to have a Humor Column. The degree of humor will no doubt vary according to the rise and fall of the kindred souls about our institution. Allowing the cheers to die away, we will continue. Once there was a traveling salesman—

Miss Mitchell: Ancient history was handed down to us mouth by mouth.
 Viv: Cadi! How unsanitary.

THE FOURTH R

(This is the first of a series of articles dealing with education and educators.)

Modern educators are no longer primarily concerned with "The Three R's" as they were taught in the "little red school house on the hill", for the progressive educators are trying their best to bring a fourth "R" into existence.

This new "R" is the romance of teaching.

However, according to Fay Hartman Nunland of Massachusetts, romantic teaching cannot be made a fourth distinct side of teaching, for it must be the veil that encloses the other three "R's".

If there is any doubt as to the existence of romance in any of the three "R's", it probably lies in the region of "rithmetic, yet it would be an exciting adventure to attempt a discovery of the fourth "R" here, thinks Miss Nunland.

In writing and reading, the task is a thrilling one. Our schools are crowded with children who come from all environments, and the romantic teacher must recreate for poor and privileged alike. She must present a Milton who loved people more than sight and life; she must vacation with Mary Evans along the little lanes of England; she must bring to life the characters of Shakespeare.

The explorer, the teacher, the friend, are one when the fourth "R" is used along with the other three "R's".

JUST 'MIRRORING' ALONG

Suppose some day you came walking along the hall and saw an upright, alert, beautiful girl coming toward you. Wouldn't you wonder who she was?

And then suppose she looked just like you. Wouldn't you stop to take a second look?

Now suppose she, stopped too, and took another look at you. Wouldn't you like to know "how come"?

Wouldn't you be surprised if, when you turned into faculty row, or came past the corner by the telephone, your twin sister would always walk right toward you?

How would you like to be able to see yourself as others see you? Well, that's just what would happen were we to place mirrors in the hallways!

According to "The Siskiyou", the paper of an Oregon college, it has been done.

Full-sized mirrors have been placed in the corridors of Southern Oregon Normal to improve the walking postures of students.

Suppose instead of an upright, alert, beautiful girl coming toward you, you saw a slumping, tired girl in the mirror. Would you know what to do? If you didn't, Miss Hale could certainly tell you.

Some think this plan for developing good posture would be a good one to install in the San Francisco Teachers' College.

Sam: Did you see those autos skid?
 Patch: How dare you address me so familiarly, sir!

P. T. A. AN ACTIVE BODY AT FREDERIC BURK SCHOOL

Members of the Parent Teachers' Association of the Frederic Burk Training School are planning to have educational programs at their meetings. The club has invited members of the college faculty to talk at a number of meetings on "The Welfare of Children". In this way the officers hope to interest the parents, and thereby gain many new members.

The Association is also going to have an activity program which will allow it to continue in the good work they have previously been doing, such as giving financial aid for play day, graduation, kindergarten department, and the children's theater.

Last term the Parent Teachers' Association provided blankets to be used during the rest period in the kindergarten department. The Association also aided the Glee Club in the production of the "Feast of the Lanterns". They helped the children make costumes for Play Day, and performed numerous other services.

This tentative program for the coming school year, the first number of which has been given as it was handed to Miss Carter follows:

1. Symposium—"Why I Send My Child to the Frederic Burk School".
2. Health program.
3. The individual method as used in the school.
4. Music.
5. Drama.
6. Art.
7. The library.
8. School activities.

Mrs. Elliot, re-elected president, presided over the first meeting. After the order of business, Miss Ward addressed the meeting, following which Miss Carter gave a short address of welcome. The principal congratulated the Association on the good work of the preceding term and stated her hopes of great success during the coming term.

After this, Mrs. Jordan led a discussion which resulted in a symposium on "Why I Send My Child to the Frederic Burk School". Many interesting reasons were brought out, some of which were:

1. The children are all so happy in the Frederic Burk School that they look toward the end of vacation.

2. The benefits derived from the splendid health program not only in stated health lessons in classrooms, but in well supervised physical education periods, and the organized after-school games and activities of all departments.

3. The opportunities the individual method affords each child in gaining accuracy of knowledge, thorough preparation of material, as well as a splendid feeling of accomplishment.

Mothers whose children are now in high school, but who are still enthusiastic members of the P. T. A., told of the advantages their children had gained in this school which aided them in meeting the high school situation. The ability to think for himself, the knowledge of how to dig things out for himself, the power to speak effectively, and the ability to appreciate thoroughness and honesty were decided aids in the first high school year, according to the mothers.

The symposium closed with a vote of appreciation for the good work done through this system in the training school.

He: Say you'll marry me, darling. I'm not rich like Percival Brown, and I can't buy you furs and a home right now, but I love you.

She: I love you, too, Henry, but where is this Brown man?

Mr. Mundt: What makes the ocean roar?

Nit: It's the fish moving their scales.

Wit: Oh, I tho't some one stepped on its undertoe.

PERSONALS

Edith Stroeel likes teaching in Merced a great deal, but she is anxious for the cool weather to start.

Katherine Trainor has been appointed to the primary department of Miss Wallace's Private School in Piedmont. Katherine will have charge of the physical education program of the school.

Miss Hale enjoyed an eight o'clock class in natural dancing at the University of California this summer. She has decided that natural dancing cannot compare with golf for amusement.

Miss Farrell reports that Laguna Beach is a grand place to spend a vacation, especially if you like swimming, riding or aquaplaning.

Eleanor Eucharni, who recently received her kindergarten primary diploma, is still with us. She is now working for her elementary certificate.

Gladys Jerger, formerly a member of the class of August, '25, finds Fresno Teachers' College lively and pleasant.

COLLEGE FASHIONS

Student teachers, though they are student teachers, are also females; and being such are inevitably interested in "what did she wear?"

Glancing over the costumes which the young ladies of San Francisco State Teachers' College are wearing to school, Collette finds much to catch the eye. If anyone snickers over that "much" let him know 'twas not used sarcastically.

One of the most interesting of school costumes is in the form of a three-piece Cardigan suit. A certain faculty member recently appeared in a lovely rose jersey suit of this style. Wool crepes are also well adapted to the Cardigan suit.

More and more is the college girl realizing the practicability of the tailored silk dress for school. These, both in one or two piece styles, are comfortable, neat, durable, and pretty. A Franciscan brown silk crepe with pleated skirt, long sleeves and tailored collar, worn by one student favoring this mode, is trimmed with a softly blending tan.

The sweater and skirt is, as always, very popular. There is a tendency at present to have the skirt and sweater match in color. One artichoke green ensemble of this type, seen in the halls, was very effective. Sweaters are either worn in tuxedo style with blouses, or in slip-over style with self-collars. Contrasting or matching square scarfs add greatly to a sweater costume.

—COLLEGETTE.

INSTRUCTOR VACATIONS IN MIDDLE WEST

Miss Reid, instructor of Natural Science, spent an enjoyable and a profitable vacation in a five weeks' tour of the Middle West.

The instructor remained long enough at Salt Lake City and Denver to visit the natural science department of the junior high schools there.

From there, Miss Reid went on to Indiana, thence to the wilds of the Minnesota lake country, where roam the porcupines, muskrats, loons and what-not. There are also many birds in these woods, but since our instructor was really resting and therefore left her bird book in California, she can not give us any names.

Reluctantly leaving this beauty spot to return to students, Miss Reid started back towards the west coast by the way of the Canadian Pacific route.

"I gained ten pounds," she said, "then lost it all the first week of summer school. Think of it!"

ALUMNI NOTES

Alice Aggle, a January graduate, reports teaching in Livermore highly enjoyable.

Helen Conyes has been appointed in the primary department of Napa.

Miss Fanny Bleuler of the class of August, '24, rejoiced a few months ago over the possession of a grade and a school in which to teach. But, alas, she rejoices no more! The Bernal School in which the new teacher was to preside over the fourth grade, consolidated suddenly with a neighboring school in the district, eliminating Miss Bleuler's position at one fell swoop.

However, the disappointed teacher has been promised a position within a few months, and until the promise is fulfilled Miss Bleuler will substitute in the San Francisco Schools.

ALUMNAE WIN DISTINCTION IN OAKLAND

With the recommendation of Superintendent Fred W. Hemter, twenty-two former students of this college, now teaching in Oakland, have been placed on the preferred list for 1927-28.

Ruth Mell, the most recent graduate of those whose names appeared in the elementary section, was two years ago made the honor student of this college. This distinction entitled her to teach in the Oakland schools, without two years experience, provided that she was selected by the board of education of the trans-bay city.

Lena C. Anderson, Ruth Fahrney, Blanche Stizaker, and Bernice Pardee have been put into the kindergarten elementary group of exceptional teachers.

Among the three names on the selected art list was Bernice McCrystal, an alumnae of this college.

The preferred elementary list included these names: Edith Magnuson, Harriet Wainwright, Claire Marcoux, Aurelia Bonham, Hazel Con, Margaret McLeod, Beth Clark, Ann Smith, Drucie Crase, Dorothy Crandall, Mabel Benson, Gertrude Scheld, Katherine Lord, Arcada Williams, Katherine Cox, and Dorothy Schaeffer.

HERE AND THERE

Thomas Arkle Clark, Dean of Men at the University of Illinois, has made a list of things he would do if he had to go through college again. This list may prove to be of interest to students here, especially those who have just started out on the rocky road to learning.

According to an article in the Stanford Daily, were Dean Clark to begin his college days anew he would:

1. Develop concentration—work harder but not so long.
2. Learn to work while others are around.
3. Put more stress on learning how to get information than on the information itself.
4. Find more difficult tasks to do.
5. Learn to do one line of work particularly well.
6. Get better acquainted with his instructors.
7. Take fewer courses which are strictly practical.
8. Have an avocation which would bring him into closer touch with others.

MRS. MCCAULEY CONDUCTING MISS ENGLAND'S CLASSES

The music classes, which used to be conducted by Miss England, are at present being held under the direction of Mrs. McCauley.

Miss England's absence, due to a serious attack of appendicitis which has kept her away from her classes so far this semester, has been regretted by all of the students.

Her condition is now greatly improved, so it is hoped that she will be with her classes very soon.

ENROLLMENT UP

A great many new children are enrolled in the Frederic Burk Training School for the coming semester. The first grade and the receiving class is filled and a new room has been filled with entering kindergarten children.

It is not the policy of the training school to accept any upper grade transfer students, for here pupils are instructed on the individual plan and are advanced into the upper grades as soon as they have completed the assigned work for one semester.

The Book Lovers' Club, organized by Miss Margaret Conney and Miss Ellis, of the Children's Library, is a new special course offered by the training school.

This club is organized along the same lines as the Scribes Club in the collegiate department. The purpose is to awaken in the pupils a realization of the joy of reading. Committees have been formed to work out lists of books and book reviews that will be of interest to the children.

FACULTY MEMBERS
GIVE U. C. EXTENSION COURSES

Two of the members of our faculty are teaching Extension Courses of the University of California.

Mr. Mundt is giving a series of lectures on selected topics in astronomy. Those who have taken any of his astronomy courses in this college will have an idea of the work he will cover.

Mrs. Gifford, well known here and abroad as an expert in corrective speech, is giving a course in the correction of nervous speech disorders. Students who have not taught in city schools may not know her. Mrs. Gifford travels between the Affiliated Colleges, and the Teachers College, where she gives two courses a week to cadet teachers in the treatment and correction of speech troubles.

Mrs. Gifford's course begins September 12, and Mr. Mundt's, September 16.

SENIOR ADVISERS
GIVE PARTY

A "get-together" party was given to the freshmen Thursday afternoon, August 25, in the old gym, by the Senior Advisers, and, although Thursday was near the end of a trying week for the new girls, the class of August, 1927, was well represented.

Fanny Salomon, who had charge of the affair, planned a lively entertainment. Orpha Corrigan and Mary Mercer strummed their ukuleles. Gladys Banner played Little Nell, The Hero, The Villian and The Poor Old Farmer in a skit well loved by S. F. T. C. students. After much coaxing, Fannie Salomon consented to sing. Then everybody danced to the newest of jazz played by Annabelle Hopping.

The novelty of the afternoon was a musical game. The players guessed the names of well known songs which their friends hummed for them. One lucky freshman received a Coty's compact as a prize for naming ten faintly crooned tunes.

The party gave the freshmen an opportunity to meet the Senior Advisers personally, as well as to become acquainted with the girls who will be their classmates for three years.

You may talk of the signs of the weather,
Of coming days when you may sing:
But when you sit on a red-hot stove,
It's the sign of an early spring.

Freshie: May I pull down the shade?

Dr. Barney: No.
Freshie: But the sun shines in my eyes.

Dr. Barney: Well, the sun is good for green things.

CLOSE UPS

By H. G.

Dr. Stanley I. Rypins.

Able helps in the direction of some College Theatre plays.

Likes his Coca Cola strong, his actors emotional and his hot dogs tough.

Has a very bad habit of forgetting himself and singing a song while turning the pages of poetry books.

Admits he drinks coffee, and what have you, and no doubt indulges in an El Ropo occasionally.

Thinks we're all uncivilized and just about has us convinced that we are, but "who cares about that?"

Our next victim is—?? Maybe you!!

ART TAKING ART?

If an inquisitive person should approach you and ask, why you are majoring in art, or what you think of the opportunities in the field of art, presented here, think before you speak.

The questioner has not yet begun her work for the fall semester, but she has left some interesting statistics from last term.

The answers she received last term to the question, "Why are you taking art?" were many and varied. One tall, spare-looking individual, declared that she took art "because I love beautiful things", and then proceeded to inform the questioner that she had always wanted to study art, but circumstances had prevented.

"Talked into it", snapped another girl, when the question was put to her. The inquisitor scurried away, glad she had escaped with her life.

One young lady softly breathed, "Because I like it. I could work six hours every night on it." However, she gave no proof of her sincerity.

And from another student, "Had to choose something", came in a voice that sounded like a dirge.

The curious one put the question to fifty girls. According to the answers she received, thirty-seven were majoring in art because they liked or "loved" it, two because they were talked into it, three because they had to choose something, and eight for some vague reason indicated by a shrug of the shoulders.

As to the other question regarding opportunities offered by this institution to girls who choose art as an elective, the answers were almost evenly divided. Practically half the girls thought the opportunities ample. Most of the other half thought they were pretty scant. A few students, mostly those who had not had art in high school, claimed that there ought to be a "happy medium" course between Art I and Art II.

CHANGE IN AFTERNOON
TIME SCHEDULE

Many students have been puzzled by the new schedule for the ringing of bells in the afternoon. For the two o'clock classes the first bell rings at one-forty, but the class bell does not sound until ten minutes after two. This twenty minutes recess allows the B time teachers of the training school to dismiss their pupils at two and attend a ten-after-two class. It also makes it possible for students who are doing practice teaching in the city schools or across the bay to have a few more minutes for lunch and rest before returning to college.

The periods end on the hour and begin at ten minutes after the hour for the remainder of the afternoon.

Miss Thompson has made the announcement that there will be no more Social Science III exams this semester. All concerned will celebrate at the St. Francis Hotel this evening.

BASKETBALL GAMES
UNCOVER SOME
GOOD MATERIAL

Miss Hale is very pleased by the keen competition promised in interclass basketball this fall.

Every day at four o'clock, a hundred girls or more scramble madly for the new gym. After donning the "regulation gym costume" and answering the roll (which Laura Peterson takes with extreme care), the girls are ready to play.

But, alas, Uarda Schuld, basketball manager, looks as distressed as the "old lady who lived in the shoe". She has so many players she doesn't know what to do.

Miss Schuld solves the problem by giving green, black and red ties to the girls. The participants then go on the court alternately, according to the color of their ties. Thus each girls is given a chance for activity.

February '26 are favorites for the interclass championship. Kay Kenney is showing good form in basket shooting and hopes to "pile up" the score for the "favorites" in the near future.

August '25, "champs" of two years ago, are also aspirants for the interclass cup. Bonnie Pierce and Tiny Corrigan are "doing their stuff" daily and hope to be in splendid shape for the first battle. Ethel Burne also of August '25, is one of the strong defense players of the team.

W. A. A. PASSES
RESOLUTIONS

The W. A. A., at their meeting held August 29, decided upon a regulation costume to be worn by all students participating in W. A. A. sports.

The costume consists of white middie, black bloomers, rolled black cotton stockings, and white or black shoes or slippers. There will be no ties. Each article must have the student's name on it.

Due to the reluctance of the girls to take showers after games a new method of roll call has been devised. As the names are called, towels are waved overhead.

Though sighs, groans and screams result from this regulation, Miss Hale insists that "cleanliness is next to Godliness".

SOCIETY

Miss Wilhemina Porter was married to Mr. Dwight Elvey in Fairfield on Friday, September third.

Mr. Elvey is finishing a course in engineering at the Oakland Polytechnic College of Engineers. Both Mr. and Mrs. Elvey will graduate in January, 1928.

Mrs. Elvey, more popularly known as Billie, has been prominent in library work during her course here. She was also Grand Chairman of this past summer session.

Dorothy Johnson, formerly of this college, is now Mrs. William Woolsey. Miss Johnson and Mr. Woolsey were among the last to apply for their marriage license before the three-day marriage law was put into effect. The wedding took place during the summer session.

Lillian Roach returned to school Tuesday after Labor Day and told of a delightful week-end spent in Sacramento, where she attended the Annual State Fair.

Ruth Medina and Elsie Thompson also were recent visitors in Sacramento. The horse races provided their greatest thrill.

Miss Ann Pedersen, formerly of S. F. S. T. C., was married in San Francisco last month to Mr. Walter Eldridge. Mr. Eldridge is a drafting engineer in Monterey, where the couple is now living.

Miss Pedersen was very active in college dramatics while here. Last year she transferred to San Jose Normal, and it was during her stay there that she met Mr. Eldridge.

LIBRARY NOTES

Since the beginning of summer school a new fiction room has been added to the library. This room, which has been entirely remodeled to suit library purposes, was formerly the kindergarten room.

All books pertaining to literature, geography, travel, history, biography, and story telling may be found here. The primary reading list, readers and manuals, and all fiction books are in this room.

For the convenience of the students, a duplicate of each reserve book on file in the library may be found on the shelves.

These books are to be used for reference only, and are not to be removed from the fiction room. This plan relieves much waiting in line for a reserve book which one only wants to use for a short time.

This new addition to the library is so secluded from the main library that quiet can more easily be maintained here, making it a very good study room.

Beginning September 12th, the library will have a new time schedule to accommodate evening students. It will be open until 7:30 P. M. every evening except Friday when it will close at 5 P. M. As usual it will open at 8 o'clock in the morning.

This schedule will be in effect until December 2nd, when the hours will be from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. On this date evening classes are finished, making a late library schedule no longer necessary.

Library slips must be filled out before a reserve book may be used in the library.

These blue slips have a space for your first, second or third choice of books. A space is also provided for your name and mailbox number. When you secure your chosen book a number is stamped on the slip and a corresponding one in the back of the book. You may then use the book until it is returned to the left hand side of the desk.

This system necessitates more handling of books but it enables the librarians to keep an accurate and close check on all reserve books.

One of the busiest committees in the school is the Library Committee.

Thirty-six girls have volunteered to serve at the Library Committee desk to check outgoing books and binders. An equal number of girls have also given their services in the fiction room downstairs, to see that order and quiet are maintained there.

Seventy-five girls comprise the Library Committee under the chairmanship of Ellen Flack. The college feels they are rendering a commendable service to the college by giving up some of their spare time for this work.

ZOO REDUCED

The chipmunks which used to amuse the Biology VII students, as well as the training school children and all other visitors of the Natural Science Building, have come to a tragic end.

These two performers were borrowed for the nature study classes by Miss Reid from Robinson's Pet Store the first week of the semester. They were to be returned that Friday night, but, alas, after performing on their little wheel all week, one of the pets died and the other ran away to hide his broken heart. An empty cage is all that remains.

Wanted: A room by two men about 30 feet long and 20 feet wide.

THE THEATRE

One of the most important musical events of the season occurred on Tuesday evening, September 6th, when Marion Talley, sensational young star of the Metropolitan Opera House, sang in the Civic Auditorium. A great interest was shown in Miss Talley's performance and all music-loving San Franciscans were there to hear.

Delighted with the youthful soprano's unaffected charm, the enthusiastic audience was as generous with its applause as was Miss Talley in her response to the many encores. Miss Talley was assisted by John Corigliano, eminent violinist, and Stewart Wille, noted pianist.

Of exceptional dramatic importance is "The Devil's Plum Tree" which opened at the Curran Theatre on Wednesday, September 4th, starring Ruth Chatterton. The play is adopted from the Hungarian, and was written by John Colton, well-known as the author of "The Shanghai Gesture." The scene is laid in the Balkan country in the year 1750. Ruth Chatterton takes the part of a Croatian mountain girl, and is splendid in her portrayal of the willful, impulsive creature of the soil. Miss Chatterton has come to San Francisco each season for many years; some of her plays had their premieres in this city. It was here that she first presented "Come Out of the Kitchen". A year ago she played in San Francisco in "The Green Hat".

San Francisco's most important musical event, the Opera Season, opens on Wednesday, September fifteenth, with Puccini's famous "Manon Lescaut", as the opening presentation. Some of the stars of the season will be: Anne Roselle, of the Dresden Opera House; Giovanni Martinelli, Mario Chamlee, Ina Bourskaya, Desire Defere, Louis d'Angelo, and Armando Agnini, stage director, of the Metropolitan Opera Company. Lawrence Tibbett, the young Californian, will also be featured this season.

Joscha Heifetz, the eminent Russian violinist, will play in San Francisco at the Columbia Theatre on Sunday afternoon, October sixteenth. He will also appear in Oakland at the Municipal Theatre on Tuesday evening, October the eighth.

Beginning November first, the 1927-28 series of Municipal Popular Concerts will be given in the Civic Auditorium by the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra and famous guest artists. Alexander Brailowsky, the Russian pianist, will be guest artist on the evening of November first. Georges Enesco, teacher of Yehudi Menuhin, San Francisco's boy wonder of the violin, will also be a guest artist during the season, and later on, Yehudi Menuhin, himself, will appear.

Help! Teacher!

Son: Pa, which is correct: Bill, Will, or William?

Pa: William, my son.

And the story son wrote contained the following: "And when the duck came around the bend in the river, he had mud all over his William".

Irishman: Yes, sir, I wuz wurkin amongst 500 Englishmen an' I wiaht there wuz more.

Englishman: Really, old topper. Extraordinary, and where were you working, old bean?

Son of Erin: Begorrah, in the cemetery!

Merle: What did you say when he kissed you?

Helen: Not a word! Do you think I'm a ventriloquist?